# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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CASH AWARDS FOR SPORTSPERSONS AND COACHES
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to draft any policy outline for grant of cash awards to sportspersons and coaches who have brought laurels to the country in international competitions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain sportspersons and coaches are yet to receive their cash awards since 2004;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of award and the sports disciplines in each case;

(e) whether there is any delay in receiving/releasing the said cash money/award from the Ministry of Finance;

(f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for the distribution of the awards efficiently;

(g) the details of sportspersons who have won such medals in the last three international events;

(h) whether many sportspersons and coaches have been deprived of the awards; and

(i) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b):Government have been running a Scheme of Special Cash Awards to winners in international Sports events and their Coaches since 1986. The objectives of the Schemes are as under:-

(i) To encourage and motivate the outstanding sportspersons for higher achievement and to attract the younger generation to take to sports as a career.

(ii) To help rehabilitate the medal winners with honour, dignity and comfort after the conclusion of their active sports career which is generally of a very short duration.

(iii) To honour the sportspersons to enhance their general status in society and also to give them greater dignity and a place of honour in society.

(iv) To motivate the sportspersons to give their highest performance in sports events.

(c) & (d): The Cash Awards pertaining to the year 2004 have been given to eligible sportspersons and coaches. For 2005, cash awards have been given to sportspersons only. Efforts are being made to clear cash award for sportspersons for 2006 and for coaches for 2005 and 2006 during the current financial year. Details regarding amount of the Awards and to Sports discipline are at Annex-A.

(e) & (f): The Ministry have already submitted a proposal for supplementary demand, which is under consideration in Ministry of Finance.

(g) The details are at Annex-B.

(h)&(i) : No, Sir.